



Mary Ann Woolsey

December 12, 1932 - November 29, 2020

Mary Ann Woolsey, 87, of Grand Island, formerly of Inland, went to her heavenly home on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at CHI Health St. Francis due to complications of Covid-19.

To honor Mary Ann's wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be planned later in 2021, allowing family and friends to travel. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the Inland Cemetery and the Inland Community School Foundation of Inland, NE.

Mary Ann was born December 12, 1932 in Omaha, the daughter of Charles H. and Leota Mae (Allen) Murphy. The family moved to Lincoln while Mary Ann was a young girl. Mary Ann finished her schooling in Lincoln and started working for Kreske's Five and Dime Store and later for Western Electric.

On November 24, 1954 she married George A. Woolsey at the First Methodist Church in Fremont. The couple lived in Lincoln, during which time George finished college at the University of Nebraska School of Agriculture in Lincoln. Upon George's graduation from the University in 1958, George and Mary Ann moved to Inland in Clay County, NE and started Geo-Ann-Dairy. The Registered Brown Swiss Herd won numerous production and breed awards over the years. They milked until 1992 and remained at Inland until moving to Grand Island in 2010.

Mary Ann was a gift maker and gift giver all of her life. She loved to bake cookies, cakes and treats and gave most of her treats away to friends and

family. She loved having a big garden and preserving all of her fruits and veggies grown in the garden. She was a great seamstress and was always making quilts and handmade gifts for everyone. Mary Ann enjoyed taking pictures of people and of the Dairy she and George shared together. Truly an animal lover, she spent endless cold winters caring for the milking cows and always had a special “rescue” dog by her side.

For over 20 years Mary Ann was a 4-H Leader for Halter Holders 4-H Club. She was active in many organizations over her 60 years in Clay County, including the Garden Club and Clay County Historical Society, of which she always enjoyed the special Christmas and holiday celebrations at Clay County Museum and throughout the county. She was also a member of the Inland Community Home Makers.

Those who will cherish her memory include a daughter, Julie (Randy) Meier of Grand Island; a son George Jr. (Monique) Woolsey of Fruita, CO; and her last living sibling and best friend, Charlene Kalkwarf of Lincoln. She is also survived by six grandsons, Joshua (Kelsey) Meier of Doniphan, Jordan Meier of Grand Island, George III (Morgan) Woolsey of Fort Collins, CO, and Gerad Woolsey, Griffin Woolsey and Giles Woolsey, all of Denver, CO; four great-grandchildren, Alexis Meier Glaze of Grand Island , George IV, Evelyn and James Woolsey all of Fort Collins, CO; brother-in-law, Dr. Max Edmondson of Cassville, MO; and a great friend, Darrel Wehnes of Inland, NE.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, George; grandparents; parents; and four siblings, Betty Murphy Sanderson, Lois Murphy Morgan, William Murphy and Rose Marie Murphy Gardner.

Online remembrances may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Woolsey*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *We send out sympathy to Mary Ann's family. We weren't close acquaintances, but it was obvious she was a kind person and so proud of her husband and children and the dairy they built together. Paul and Mary Jo Swanson, Hastings*

mary j swanson - December 14, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *So sorry to see Mary Ann has passed away. Had just thought of her as I got my Christmas pillow out she had made for me and one of our club Christmas parties. Just always such a caring person and doing something for others Loved visiting with her and had just thought I needed to get a card off to her! Hugs to you Julie! Leonard and Wyoma DeVries*

Wyoma DeVries - December 05, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Very sorry for the loss of Mary Ann. I so enjoyed the time I knew her. She was an amazing sweet lady. She is missed.*

Brad Fried - December 03, 2020 at 06:18 PM



Brad, she was a lover of people. Brad you were so good to her. Thank you for everything you did for and for your friendship with her. She looked forward to your drives and conversations. We appreciate you. God Bless You. Thanks, Julie

Julie Meier - December 03, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ I am so blessed to be able to say that I have many cherished memories to share and hold dearly about Mother Mary Ann. She was like my second Mother throughout my childhood and I know I wasn't the only one that felt this! From 2nd Grade on, she would welcome me into their home as their child almost every weekend that I could get a ride from Clay Center to their home from George Sr.! She treated me with such kindness and loved me through the teenage years! I can see her sweet smile, feel her comforting hugs, hear her encouraging words after 4-H white ribbons or friend problems, and remember her delicious meals and treats! I can also remember her getting me to pick even MORE green beans, right Julie?

She was such a strong, hard working woman and cared for her animals and each of us 4-Hers unconditionally. I loved her dearly. I'm sending my love, light and prayers for comfort to George & family and my dear Julie & family. Your family has always had my heart!

Love, Carol Eastin Mack

Carol Mack - December 03, 2020 at 01:17 PM

JM

Thank you for such loving thoughts dear Carol. Our lives intertwined so much around our parents and their wants and expectations of their children. They gave us strength, compassion and wings. Most of all they gave us leadership and guidance and the gift of God. Wonderful to know we will be with them again. Thanks, Julie

Julie Meier - December 03, 2020 at 10:03 PM

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“*Mary Ann was always around the milking barn in Inland when I stopped by after a day of irrigation scheduling for George and the farmers of Clay County. Mary Ann was always there with a smile and pleasant conversation. She even guarded the door of my 69 international Scout for a day after the hinge broke and I dropped it there for safe keeping. We laughed about that door drop many times. Mary-Ann was definitely part of the greatest generation to have grace these United States. You will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers to George Jr. and Julie and your families.*

Mick McDowell

Mick McDowell - December 03, 2020 at 10:13 AM

JM

Thank you Mick, for your loving memories. She always loved all the 4-Hers so much too. She was so happy and proud of all the Clay County youth. I think she respected them as much as the youth respected her. She definitely wanted all of them to succeed and shine! Just like Dad she thought of all of them as her kids too! Thanks, Julie

Julie Meier - December 03, 2020 at 10:15 PM

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“*I have many fond memories of the George and Mary Ann Woolsey family from my 4-H days. I remember the beginnings of the holder holders 4H club and all of their help with 4-H, but especially showing cattle at the Clay County and state fair and also district dairy shows. Mary Ann was always very involved, either helping out at the fairs and shows or taking care of the farm in Inland. Mary Ann was a very hard worker and showed love to her family and everyone around her. The Woolsey family was very close to my family growing up and I appreciate them very much as examples and mentors in my life.*

Dave Murman

Dave Murman - December 03, 2020 at 08:23 AM

JM

Dave, thank you for the great memories. Mom certainly loved all the Clay County youth. So many successful people started out as Clay County 4-Hers. Mainly because of our parents and what great leadership they gave us. Thanks, Julie

Julie Meier - December 03, 2020 at 10:20 PM

MP

“*Sorry for your loss.. Mary Ann was such a sweet and wonderful woman. Many memories from my 4-H years. May God hold you in his arms and comfort you at this time of loss and sorrow. Prayers and hugs.*

Merna (Post) Parmenter - December 02, 2020 at 07:30 PM

JM

Thanks Merna. So many great memories...especially of how fun County Fair, fashion night and achievement nights were. All of our parents worked do hard to teach us.....they also always made things valuable lessons of life as we had 4-H meetings and County activities. We certainly were fortunate to have that generation as our leaders. Thanks, Julie

Julie Meier - December 03, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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“*Mary Ann had a huge impact on my life. She was the encourager, the motivator, the caring ear, the standard-setter and as close to a second mom as one can get. She touched so many youth through the Nebraska 4H program. So very sorry that covid is restricting my physical presence with her family right now. Most sincerely, Craig Hertel, a Halter Holder*

Craig hertel - December 02, 2020 at 04:13 PM

JM

Thank you for such kind words Craig. Our families share such wonderful bonds and memories and lessons learned from our parents generation. Thanks, Julie

Julie Meier - December 03, 2020 at 09:58 PM